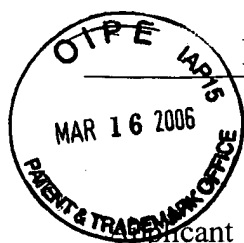


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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 14, 2005, please reconsider the present application in light of the following amendments and comments.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.